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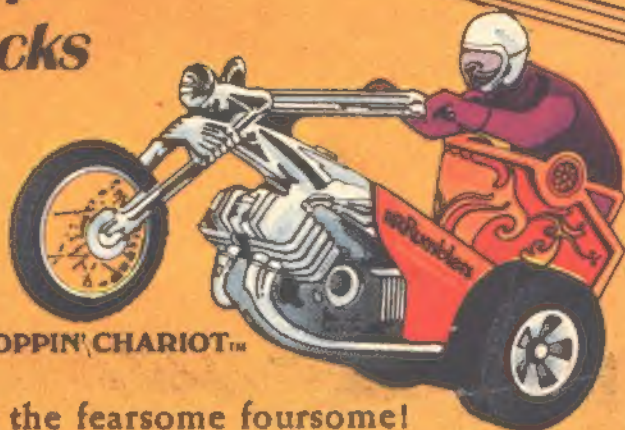


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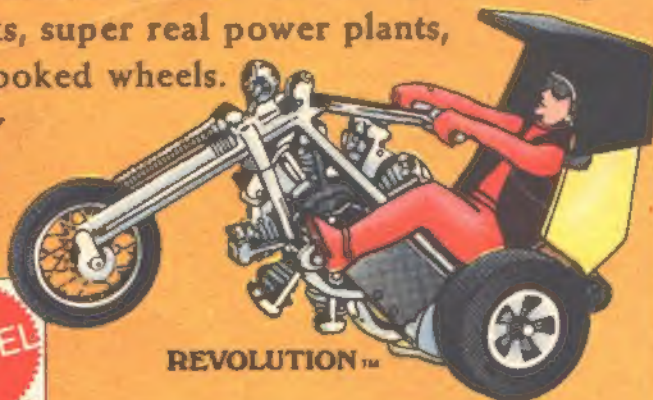


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in DEMON SPAWN

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SUDDENLY, IT APPEARS—
HANGING IN MID-AIR... HERE,
ON A STREET IN SAN FRANCISCO
...SHIMMERING, CRACKLING,
AND GROWING...

...A CRACK, A
RIP IN THE VERY
FABRIC OF THE
UNIVERSE!

LOOK!

WH-WHAT
IN HEAVEN'S
NAME IS
GOING ON?

AND OUT OF IT COMES
A FIGURE... HUMANOID,
YET HUGE... AN AMAZON...
BRANDISHING A FIERY
SWORD!

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WHAT IS SHE DOING HERE? WHY HAS SHE COME? IS THIS BUT AIMLESS DESTRUCTION? OR IS THERE SOME PURPOSE TO THIS MADNESS?

OUT OF THE WAY, YOU FOOL!

YAY!
HAY! YOUR CHROME-PLATED CHARIOT DOES NOT FRIGHTEN ME!

NOW YOU SHALL KNOW OF THE POWER OF NIGHTFLAME!

AND OF MY FLAME-SWORD!

AND BEFORE THE NOW-DRIVERLESS CAR CAN REACH THE STRANGELY-CLAD AMAZON...

KRAANG

THAT IS BUT A SAMPLE OF MY POWER! NOW, YOU MUST ALL LISTEN TO ME! I WISH INFORMATION!

THERE IS ONE BEING AMONG YOU WHOM I SEEK!

THIS TRAFFIC... THIS NOISE... MUST CEASE!

I SHALL BE HEARD!

WROOM



THERE! AND
NOW I DEMAND
AN ANSWER!
WHERE IS *SUPER-
GIRL?* SHE IS THE
ONE I HAVE
COME FOR!

COME WITH US NOW TO THE OFFICES OF KSF-TV NEWS, AND WATCH AS LINDA (SUPERGIRL) DANVERS, UNAWARE OF THE COMING OF NIGHT-FLAME, RETURNS FROM LUNCH TO FIND "NASTY" BUSILY SELLING HERSELF AS USUAL...

...AND HERE'S SOME OF THE FILM I SHOT OF THE BIG PARTY AT ELIOT HARLANSON'S MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR ESTATE!

OH, EXCUSE ME, GEOFF! I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU WERE BUSY!

NO! NO! C'MON RIGHT IN, LINDA! YOU MAY BE ABLE TO PICK UP A FEW POINTERS FROM NASTY!

PERHAPS YOU'RE RIGHT! NASTY IS A RATHER GOOD NEWS PHOTOGRAPHER!

...THOUGH I HATE TO ADMIT IT!

RATHER GOOD? COMPARED TO YOU, I'M THE WHOLE GALAXY BROADCASTING SERVICE NEWS STAFF ROLLED INTO ONE PERSON!

COME OFF IT, BIG MOUTH! I'M NEARLY AS GOOD A PHOTOG AS YOU!

PERHAPS! BUT NOBODY REALLY KNOWS, SINCE YOU'RE NEVER AROUND WHEN A BIG STORY BREAKS!

OKAY, GIRLS! COOL DOWN!

I DON'T WANT ANY FIGHTS BREAKING OUT AROUND HERE!

WELL, IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'LL COOL OFF IN MY OWN OFFICE!

THAT LOUSY NASTY! SHE'S OUT TO GET ME FIRED!

THAT ROTTEN, UNDER-HANDED STUPID W...

I'D LIKE TO PUNCH...
OOOPS!

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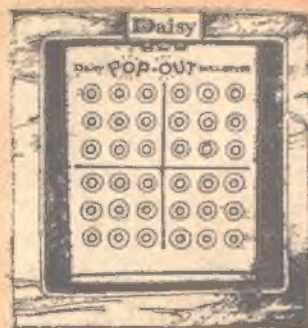
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WHAT WAS THAT??

SOUNDED LIKE A PLANE CRASHING INTO THE BUILDING!

UH-OH!



BETTER MOVE THIS CABINET AND COVER UP..

BEFORE NASTY AND GEOFF RUSH IN HERE!



WHAT HAPPENED?

OH, NOTHING!

C'MON NOW! YOU DIDN'T JUST DROP YOUR COMPACT! WHAT HAPPENED?

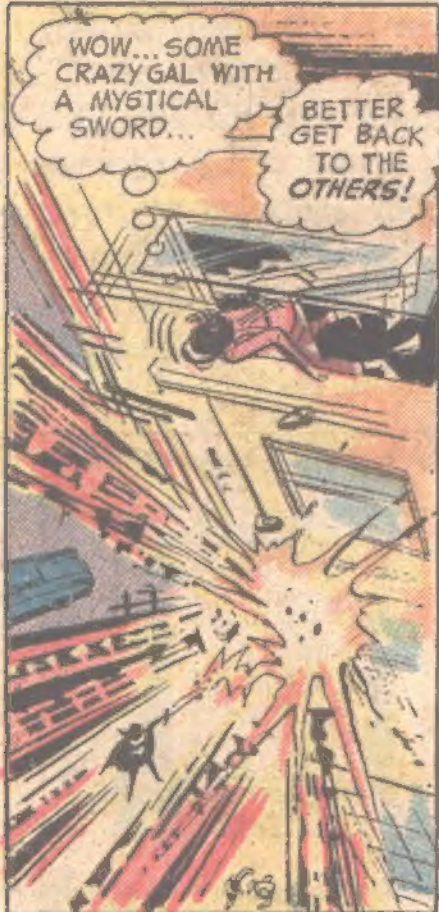


BUT, BEFORE LINDA CAN ANSWER, DISASTER STRIKES...

GOOD GOD! DON'T TELL ME A PLANE REALLY HAS CRASHED INTO THE BUILDING!

YOWP!

OOMP!



WOW... SOME CRAZY GAL WITH A MYSTICAL SWORD...

BETTER GET BACK TO THE OTHERS!



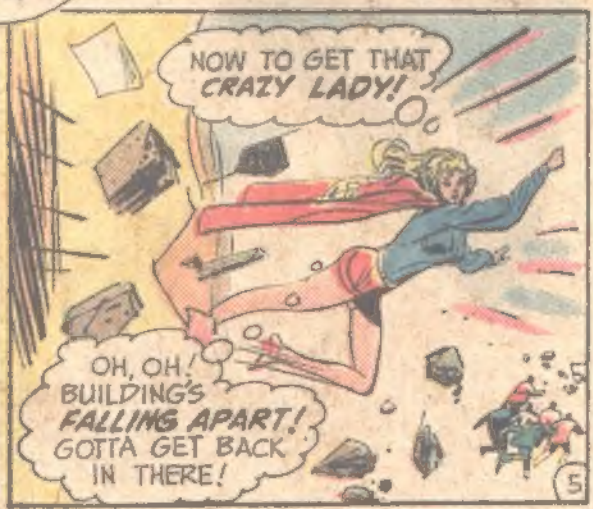
I'LL WORRY ABOUT THIS WEIRDIE AFTER I'M SURE THEY'RE OKAY!

YES, I CAN SENSE SHE IS THERE! THE TIME HAS COME-- AT LAST!



THEY'RE BOTH UNCONSCIOUS! BUT THROUGH MY X-RAY VISION, I CAN SEE THEY'RE NOT SERIOUSLY HURT!

IT'S COSTUME-CHANGE TIME!



NOW TO GET THAT CRAZY LADY!

OH, OH! BUILDING'S FALLING APART! GOTTA GET BACK IN THERE!

THE BLONDE
BLOCKBUSTER
RE-ENTERS
THE KSF-TV
NEWS
OFFICES...

SUPERGIRL!
WOW! THANK
GOD YOU'RE
HERE!

WELL, THAT'S
CERTAINLY A
CHANGE OF
FACE!

I THOUGHT
YOU HATED MY
GOODY-GOODY
SELF, MISS
NASTY!

BUT THAT'S HARDLY
THE POINT NOW!
I'VE GOT TO GET
THE TWO OF YOU
OUT OF HERE!

THIS FIRE
IS SPREADING
RAPIDLY!

LET'S SEE
YOUR REAL
HAIR,
LINDA
DANVERS...
ALIAS
SUPERGIRL!

HOWEVER, AS THE PRINCESS OF
POWER TAKES OFF WITH NASTY
AND GEOFF...

WHA-?

HA! FOOLED
YOU, NASTY...
IT'S AS
LINDA... THAT
I WEAR THE
WIG!

AFTER DEPOSITING THE TWO BELOW, THE
BLONDE BOMBHELL FLIES BACK, AND...

I'LL CREATE A
WHIRLWIND TO
PUT OUT THE
FIRE!

THE FIRE OUT, SUPERGIRL
SWOOPS BACK DOWN...

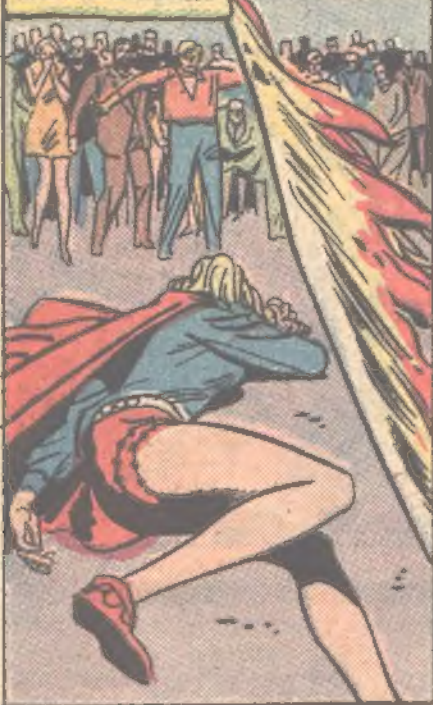
HOW TO GIVE THAT
MISS NASTY A PIECE
OF MY MIND!

...AND INTO THE HANDS
OF FURTHER DISASTER!

SUPERGIRL!
FINALLY WE
MEET!

IT WAS
TO FIND
YOU THAT
I CREATED
THE FIRE!

THE CROWD STARES IN SHOCKED SILENCE AS SUPERGIRL FALLS UNCONSCIOUS...



THEN, SUDDENLY, THERE ARE TWO SUPERGIRLS... ONE LITERALLY PULLED OUT FROM THE OTHER...



THERE IS A GREAT NEED OF YOU UPON MY WORLD!



Chapter
Two:

ENTER THE DEMON WORLD!

AND, AS THE MAID OF MIGHT AWAKENS, UNAWARE THAT SHE HAS LEFT HER TRUE SELF BEHIND, SHE FINDS HERSELF IN A STRANGE NIGHTMARE-WORLD, SURROUNDED BY WEIRD DEMON-GNOMES...



SUDDENLY, THE DEMON-CREATURES CLOSE IN...

UNNGGGHHH!

WHAT'S GOING ON? I HAVE NO STRENGTH!

CAN'T BE THAT I'VE TEMPORARILY LOST MY POWERS! I FEEL EVEN WEAKER THAN AN ORDINARY HUMAN!

SHE WILL SAVE US!

BY DYING!

KILL HER! KILL HER!

ENOUGH, YOU FOOLS!

IT'S NOT THROUGH DEATH THAT SHE WILL SAVE US!

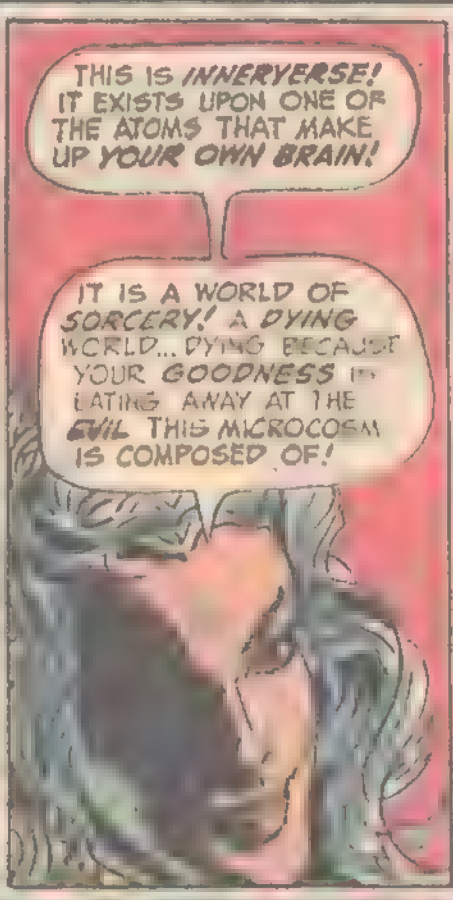
SHE MUST REMAIN ALIVE!

WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

WHY HAVE YOU BROUGHT ME HERE?

I TRUST, SUPERGIRL, THAT YOU HAVE REALIZED THAT YOU ARE COMPLETELY POWERLESS!

YOUR POWERS ARE USELESS UPON THIS WORLD!



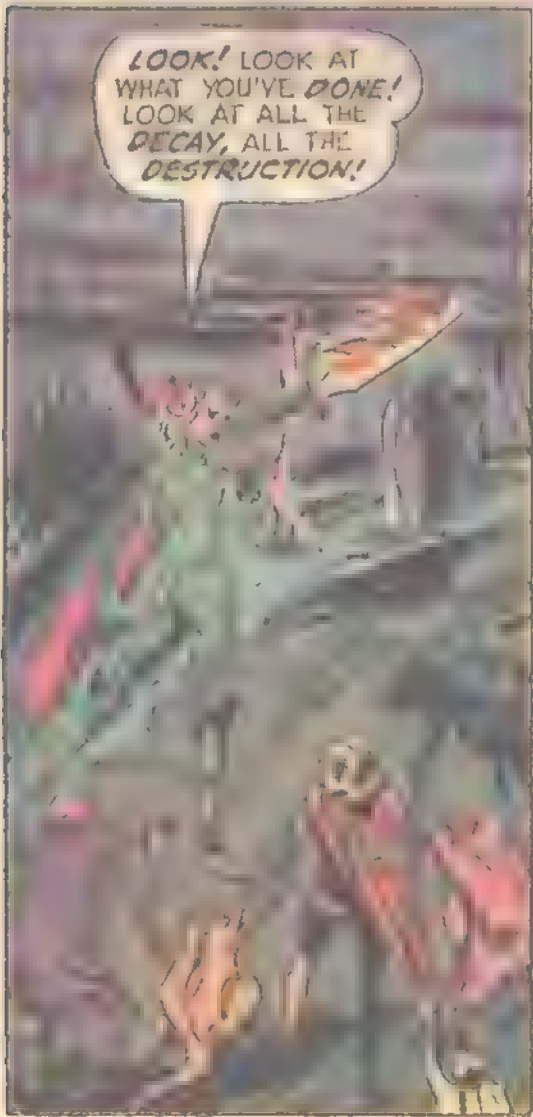
THIS IS *INNERVERSE*!
IT EXISTS UPON ONE OF
THE ATOMS THAT MAKE
UP YOUR OWN BRAIN!

IT IS A WORLD OF
SORCERY! A DYING
WORLD... DYING BECAUSE
YOUR *GOODNESS* IS
FADING AWAY AT THE
EVIL THIS MICROCOSM
IS COMPOSED OF!



BUT NOW THAT WE
HAVE YOUR *ESSENCE*
HERE WITH US, WE'LL BE
ABLE TO USE YOUR *POWERS*
TO SAVE OUR WORLD!

BRING HER
TO THE *HIGH*
GROUND,
MY PETS!



LOOK! LOOK AT
WHAT YOU'VE *DONE*!
LOOK AT ALL THE
DECAY, ALL THE
DESTRUCTION!



OUR PEOPLE
ARE DYING--
THEY ARE BEING
DRAWN DOWN
BY A PLANET THAT
NO LONGER
SUPPORTS THEM!



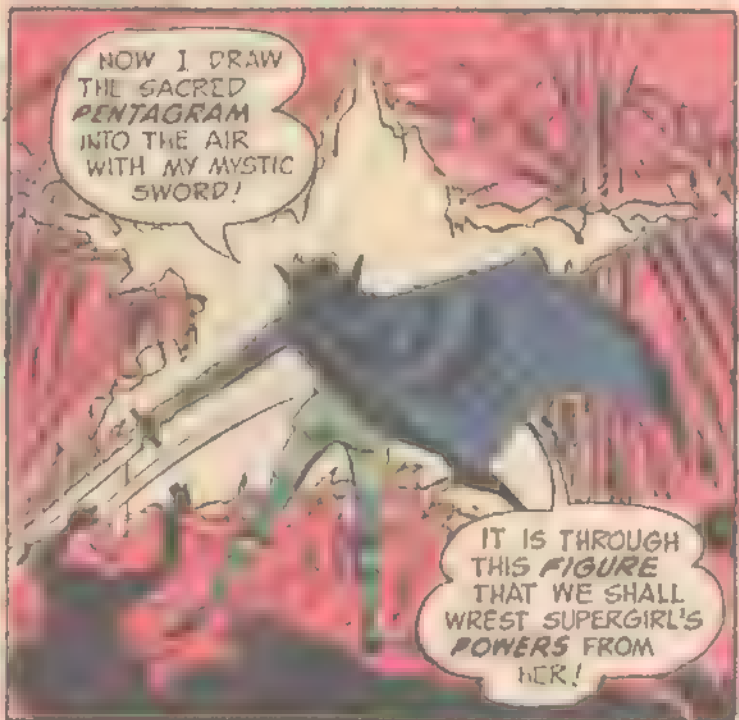
DISGUSTED BY ALL SHE SEES, WISHING TO BE AWAY FROM THIS WORLD OF EVIL, SUPERGIRL, TRIES TO FLY AWAY.

FOOL! HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT OUR POWERS ARE USELESS HERE?



GRAB HER, MY PETS...

...AND BRING HER TO THE CAVE OF CEREMONIES!



NOW I DRAW THE SACRED PENTAGRAM INTO THE AIR WITH MY MYSTIC SWORD!

IT IS THROUGH THIS FIGURE THAT WE SHALL WREST SUPERGIRL'S POWERS FROM HER!



NO! YOU CAN'T!

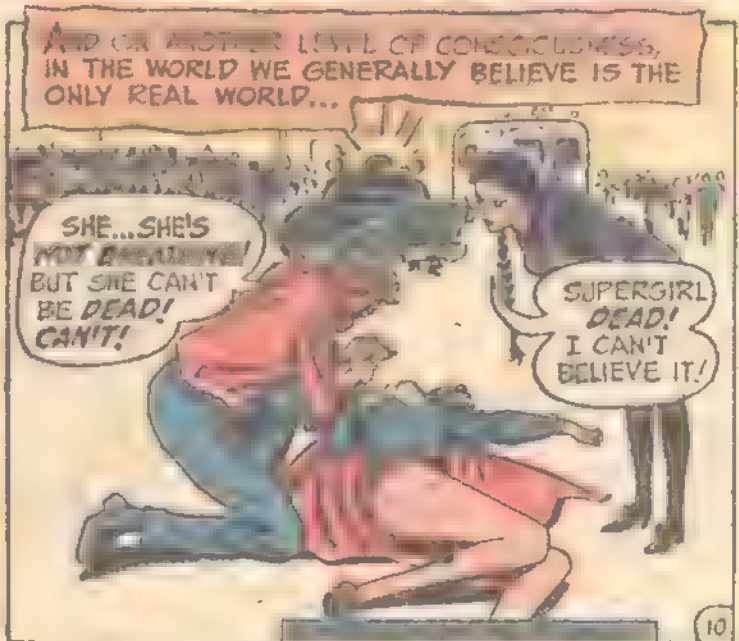
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?

IF THIS WORLD EXISTS WITHIN ME, YOU CANNOT DESTROY ME WITHOUT DESTROYING YOURSELVES!



WE HAVE NO PLANS FOR DESTROYING YOU! WE ONLY WISH TO STEAL YOUR POWERS!

AND MAKE USE OF THEM FOR WHAT WE WANT!



AND ON ANOTHER LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS, IN THE WORLD WE GENERALLY BELIEVE IS THE ONLY REAL WORLD...

SHE...SHE'S NOT DEAD! BUT SHE CAN'T BE DEAD! CAN'T!

SUPERGIRL DEAD! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

WHAT DO THESE CHAMPIONS HAVE IN COMMON...WITH YOU?

MR. OLYMPIA

MR. AMERICA

MR. UNIVERSE

Larry Scott, "Mr. Olympia," was a 136 lb. skinny weakling. He wrote for my free information—just as you should—and now weighs 215 lbs. with 20 inch arms! One of the world's best built men ever! How about you?

Dave Draper, "Mr. America," once was a fat slob—weighing 255 lbs. Then he wrote for my free information and now weighs 235 lbs., 20½-inch arms, a 55" chest, 32" waist. A real champ! Why wait? Rush!

Reg Lewis, "Mr. Universe," was kicked around because of being skinny, only 138-lbs., and weak. But he sent for free information, now weighs 205 lbs. and is a real champ! Why not you?

THEY ANSWERED A WEIDER AD—GAINED 3 INCHES TO THEIR ARMS—4 INCHES TO THEIR CHEST—IN 7 SHORT WEEKS! YOU TOO?

You, too—just like these champions—can now own a handsome, muscular body—fast! You, too, can now finally follow the exact same instructions these champs did, and in just 15 minutes a day, in the privacy of your own home, you can instantly slap on 4 inches to your chest and 3 inches to each arm, give yourself lifeguard shoulders, muscularize your waist, get speedy legs, and exercise your body. The techniques are simple, there's nothing complicated, just downright enjoyable!

I don't care if, today, you own the scraggiest, flabbiest or funniest body—whether you're tall or short, young or not-so-young. If you send, under no obligation, for my absolutely free 32-pages of muscle building information, I guarantee you that virtually over-night you will experience a muscle-building miracle; before your eyes, you will see handsome muscles bursting out all over you. They will ripple with power, burst with energy—and for the first time in your life men will envy your body, women admire it, because at last you own a body that brings you fame instead of shame. Let me help you as I did these

champions—who were also weaklings—to put an end to your weakness and shame. Write now for my free information—you'll be so happy you did! After all, you have nothing to lose but your weakness!

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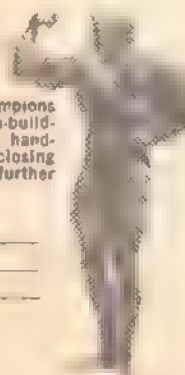
Dear Joe, Shoot the works! I agree, that just like the champions before me, I want to be a New Man! Rush me your free muscle-building information that I can use right now at home to build a handsome body. I have checked the gains I want to make. I'm enclosing 25c to cover handling and mailing charges. I am under no further obligation in any way.

NAME _____ AGE _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____
ZIP _____

(Please print clearly)

MAIL COUPON TODAY FOR FREE 32 PAGE COURSE!

NO OBLIGATION! NOTHING TO BUY!



Here's the kind of body I want (Check as many as you wish).

- ☐ Bigger arms
- ☐ Larger Chest
- ☐ Broader Shoulders
- ☐ Athletic Legs
- ☐ More Weight
- ☐ Lose Weight
- ☐ Magnetic Personality



WAIT! SHE'S NOT DEAD! I CAN SENSE THAT SHE'S NOT!

GEOFF MAY BE RIGHT! I HAVE THE FEELING, TOO, THAT IT ALL JUST COULDN'T END THIS EASILY!

THAT SWORD BLADE COULDN'T HAVE KILLED HER! NOT SUPERGIRL!

THERE! WHEN I TOUCHED HER FACE, SHE *BLINKED* JUST A BIT! I'M SURE SHE DID!

THANK GOD... SHE'S STILL ALIVE!

CHAPTER III

THE DEMON FIRE!

ALIVE, YES! BUT IN THIS MESS, WITH THE FLAMES ABOVE THE EVEL TOWER, SHE IS CALM, RESIGNED, BUT READY TO FACE WHATEVER WILL BEFALL HER NEXT WITH COURAGE!

NOW, ALL IS IN READINESS FOR THE TRANSFERENCE!

PEER INTO YOUR SOUL, SUPERGIRL,
AND SEE WHAT YOU HAVE NEVER
FACED...YOUR OWN EVIL!

NO, IT CAN'T BE!
NOTHING AS EVIL
AS ALL THIS COULD
BE PART OF ME!

YES, IT IS PART OF YOU...
AND OF ALL MORTALS.

PREPARE
YOURSELF FOR
THE ONE WHO
SHALL INHERIT
YOUR POWERS!
ME!

...THE NEW
SUPERGIRL!

WHO HENCEFORTH
SHALL BE KNOWN
AS **NIGHTFLAME!**
EVIL SCOURGE OF
THE WORLD!

THE BATTLE BEGINS...THE EYE GLOWS, BECOMING THE FOCAL POINT OF A FIRE... PLACED INTO HER, AND SUCKING OUT HER POWERS...HER VERY LIFE ESSENCE...

WHA--? THIS
THIS THING
EXISTS WITHIN
MY OWN BODY!

GOD! I NEED EVERY OUNCE OF POWER
I CAN MUSTER! THE PAIN THROUGHOUT
MY BODY IS UNBEARABLE! BUT I
MUSTN'T GIVE IN TO IT! I MUSTN'T!



...AND PART OF HER GOODNESS IS BEING TORN AWAY WITH IT... FOR IT WAS HER HERITAGE, HER SUPERIORITY OVER ORDINARY MORTALS, THAT GAVE HER THE ULTIMATE DESIRE TO LIVE FOR GOOD... RATHER THAN FOR EVIL.



I MUST WIN...

I WILL WIN

I MUST RETAIN MY POWERS FOR

GOOD!



SHE REACHES OUT FOR SOMETHING, FOR ANYTHING, THAT WILL TAKE HER MIND OFF THE PAIN... SHE THINKS ABOUT HER PAST... OF HER BIRTH ON KRYPTON... OF HER FATHER, THE MAN WHO WAS THE FIRST TO LEAVE THE PLANET... TRAVELING THROUGH THE BITTER COLD OF SPACE AND LANDING UPON EARTH.

IS HAPPENING IN HER MIND AND TO HER MIND AT THE SAME TIME, A PIECE OF HER GOODNESS IS BEING TORN AWAY. A PART OF HER HERITAGE, THE PART THAT GAVE HER THE ULTIMATE DESIRE TO LIVE FOR GOOD...

ON THE... OF SAN FRANCISCO, ANOTHER DRAMA UNFOLDS...



WHAT... WHAT'S THIS?
HER HELPER IS FAR
STRONGER THAN I
THOUGHT! ATTUNED
TO HER THOUGHTS!

WHOEVER YOU ARE,
KEEP IT UP! I CAN
FEEL YOUR INFLUENCE
GROWING STRONGER
AND STRONGER!

BREAKING
THROUGH ALL
THE PAIN
AND
TORMENT!

HE'S
LOCKED INTO
CERTAIN PARTS
OF HER MIND! I
CAN'T DISPEL
HIM!

YES,
THAT'S
IT!

YOU'RE
GETTING
THERE!
YOU'RE
GETTING
THROUGH!

GOT TO INCREASE
MY POWER EVEN
FURTHER... BEFORE
HE WINS HER OVER
COMPLETELY!

THIS IS
HARD
WORK,
BUT I'M
MAKING
IT!

CAN FEEL
MYSELF
GETTING
MORE AND
MORE INTO
HER MIND!

FINALLY, THE DRAMA WITHIN HER REACHES A NEW
PEAK... TENSIONS ARE PUSHED AND PULLED BACK
AND FORTH WITHIN HER MIND AT EVER-INCREASING
SPEED... AND, AT LAST, THE LANDSCAPE CAN TAKE NO
MORE, AND ERUPTS WITH FANTASTIC FLRY...

KABOOM!

THE OTHERS WITHIN HER MIND LIE THERE, EXHAUSTED
SPENT... BUT SUPERGIRL IS LIKE A WOMAN REBORN...

AH, I'M FREE
AT LAST... ALL MY
POWERS
RESTORED!

I HAVE FAILED
TO GAIN YOUR POWERS,
MY WORLD IS AT AN
END! THEREFORE, I
DO NOT WISH TO
LIVE!

BY
DESTROYING
YOU... I
DESTROY
MYSELF!

YOU'VE RUINED
EVERYTHING...
AND FOR THAT
YOU'LL PAY!

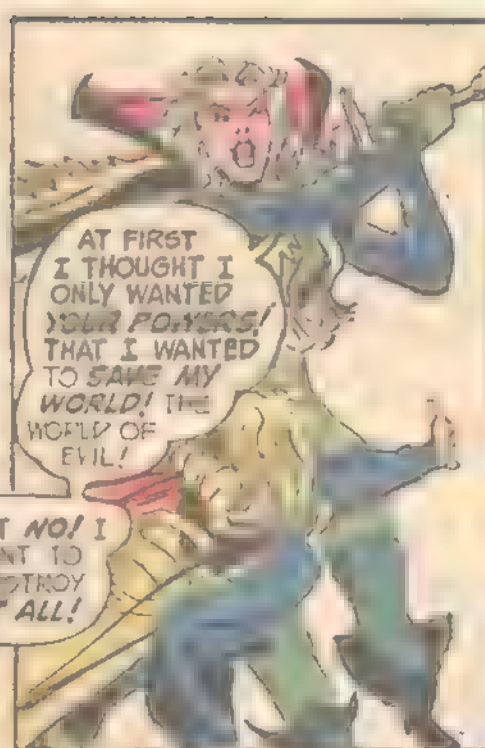
WE'LL SEE,
NIGHTFLAME! I'M
A COMPLETE
WOMAN NOW!
I FEEL SECURE!
STRONG!
NOTHING CAN
BRING ME
DOWN NOW!

...BUT I, MAID
OF EVIL, WISH
TO LIVE!

ENTRANCE

IF THE MAID OF EVIL WISHES TO LIVE...
SHE MUST DESTROY THE MAID OF SHAME!

AND NIGHTFLAME
LOOKS ON IN SHOCK
AS HER WORLD
CRUMBLES AROUND
HER!



NOW SHE
FLIES OVER
A WORLD OF
UNFOLDABLE
BEAUTY...
THE SIGHT
AND SOUNDS
OF LIFE
AND LIVING
SURROUND
AND
COMFORT
HER...

IT WAS SOMEONE
ENTERING MY MIND,
LETTING HIS THOUGHTS
FLOW IN WITH MINE THAT
ALLOWED MY WILL TO
LIVE TO ULTIMATELY
WIN!

BY RELATING
TO SOMEONE,
BEING CLOSE,
JOINED...

THAT IS
WHAT DESTROYED
THE PART OF ME
THAT WANTED...

...ME TO DIE!

I MUST FIND
OUT WHO IT WAS
WHO SAVED ME
FROM MYSELF--
WHO TAUGHT
ME HOW TO
LIVE...

...CLOSE MY EYES--
CONCENTRATE--TRY
TO GET OUT OF MY
MIND, AND BACK TO
THE REAL WORLD!

AND WHEN
SHE PLACES
HER EYES
BACK OPEN...

GEOFF!
SO IT WAS
YOU!

YES, IT COULD
ONLY HAVE BEEN
YOU! I CAN FEEL
A CLOSENESS
I'VE NEVER FELT
TOWARD ANY
OTHER MAN!

BUT NOW I KNOW
I'LL BE ABLE TO GET
CLOSER TO EVERYONE
...CLOSER TO THE
WHOLE WORLD! OH,
THANK YOU!

THANK YOU
SO VERY
MUCH!

THE
BEGINNING

ROGER'S SUPER SKITTLE BOWL

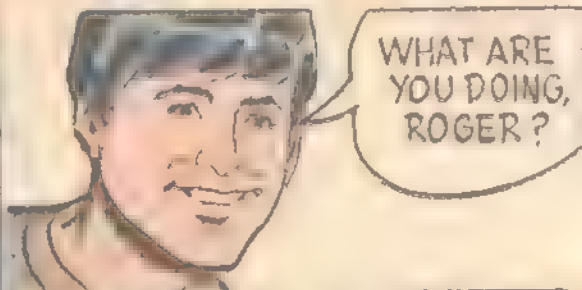
LOOK THAT'S
ROGER STAUBACH,
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YEAH, AND HE'S PLAYING WITH
THE BIGGEST SKITTLE BOWL
I'VE EVER SEEN.



WHAT ARE
YOU DOING,
ROGER?



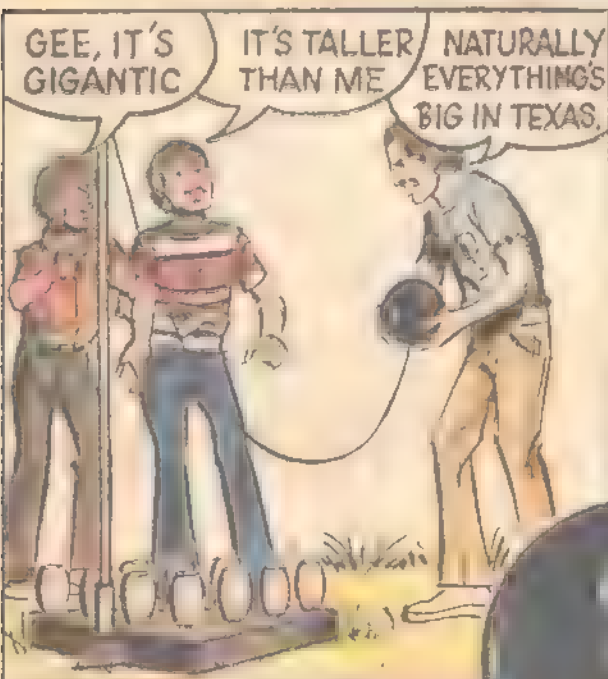
JUST KEEPING IN SHAPE
DURING THE OFF-SEASON WITH
MY OLYMPIC SIZE
SKITTLE BOWL™.



GEE, IT'S
GIGANTIC

IT'S TALLER
THAN ME

NATURALLY
EVERYTHING'S
BIG IN TEXAS.



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A BOWLING ALLEY IN
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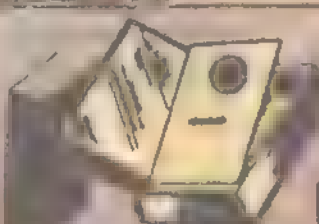
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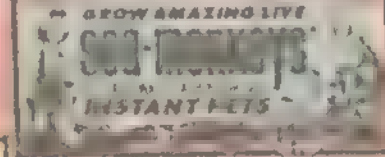
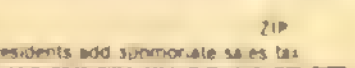
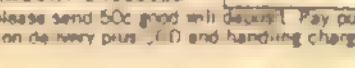
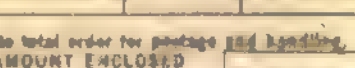
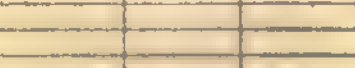
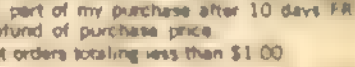
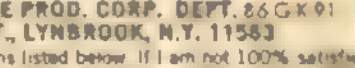
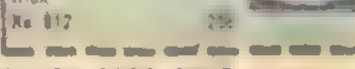
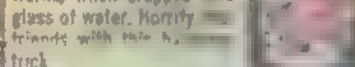
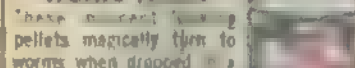
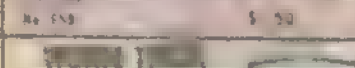


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Dear Joe:

Congratulations on your recent issues. I liked Albano's and Wein's stories in Adventure #414 and #415 because they used Supergirl's loss of power to place her in at least temporary jeopardy and create more suspense than usual. But, in "All Men Are But Slaves," Skeates failed to produce any real challenge to her invulnerability and thus weakened a basically good story.

The art has consistently been good on the covers and in the lead stories, but I do have one criticism. The artwork comes through much more effectively in stories where six and seven panels are not frequently crowded onto a single page. Such crowding allows no scope for meaningful art, particularly if much space is also taken up with speech balloons. If you are emphasizing art in Adventure, as you seem to be, I hope you will be keeping such pages to a minimum.

I know I have made this point recently, but I can't help saying again the Supergirl's super-powers are a super-liability where plots are concerned. Seeing her flying around destroying space ships and KOing gargantuan monsters can get pretty monotonous, no matter how fine the artwork may be. It's like watching a fixed fight. A heroine who is never in jeopardy is no heroine at all, at least in the adventure-story sense of the word.

The greatest thing you could do for both writers and readers would be to have her lose her super-powers. Kandorian scientists could invent a flying device which would get her quickly to the scene of action, thus aiding plot-development, and a special weapon to even-up the odds in combat against her powerful adversaries. These would give her the only two essential and significant advantages she has as a character now, but eliminate the all-important literary disadvantage of physical invulnerability.

Dave Thompson
Sparks, Md.

Dear Dave:

If having super-powers is a disadvantage, and makes for dull stories, how is it that Superman and all the other D.C. heroes keep getting more and more popular? Her super-power is one of the things that separates Supergirl from so many other normal people. If we took them away from her, how many readers do you think would buy a comic called "Girl"? You argue that her powers make it hard for good story ideas? Rather, it just makes it that much more interesting to find stories that use her powers, that make her do things that ordinary mortals can't. That's the way we see things up here. What are the opinions of the rest of you readers? Should Supergirl lose her powers?

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Dear Editor:

Happiness is a Supergirl story free from John Albano. Welcome, Steve Skeates; hang around, okay?

"All Men Are But Slaves" was a step further on the long road to excellence. Steve Skeates' unheard-of combination of occultism and sci-fi astounded and pleased me.

However, I was not satisfied with the art. I'd prefer Win Mortimer to Bob. In fact, I'd fall down on my knees and beg you to use Win if I thought it would avail me.

Frank Frazetta's vivacious renditions are treasures. So was "The Flying Horse Swindle." Adventure is reverting to its format of way back, using several strips, for which I wish to offer an infinity of thanks.

Next we have Vigilante revisited. I find this revival of dormant heroes almost too wonderful to believe. And using top writers and artists on them, yet "The Cop Killer" was Vigilante at his best.

Ditto the Enchantress. I'd like to have story and art credits, though. The art looks like Anderson-Tuska, but I'm not sure, and I have no earthly idea who wrote the story.

Mark Lucke
Beeville, Texas

Dear Mark:

Steve Skeates will be around for as long as we can hold onto him, as witnessed with this issue's "Demon-Spawn" collaboration with Marv Wolfman. As for John Albano—he'll be back next issue. And we think you're wrong about John. He's one of the best.

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Dear Joe:

Ever since you made known your intentions to bring forth a brand new Vigilante story, I have waited anxiously for Adventure #417.

Now that it's here, I feel it my duty to say thanks for a truly magnificent performance. The new Vigilante is far superior in character to the colorful cowboy I vaguely remember from my earliest reading days. He is believable thanks to the dialogue by Steve Skeates. Of course Marv Wolfman is a creative genius and he clearly demonstrated this fact with a tight dramatic story, rich with background color and mood.

As for the art, that's still a sometimes thing. Gray Morrow is a talented man, but often in the past he's been given the wrong scripts to illustrate. He proved to be mediocre in your last issue's Zatanna story, while brilliant on El Diablo. So I was a bit worried as to his adaptation of my favorite hero. To my delightful amazement Gray outdid himself. "Cop Killer" was the best thing he has ever done.

Ron Fortier
Somersworth, N.H.

Dear Ron:

We sort of like Vig ourselves, and there is another Morrow Vigilante story in the drawer which we'll present as soon as the space permits.

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Dear Joe:

Adventure #417 gave us a great variety of stories. But, as usual, the winner is Supergirl. Having Kara visit a matriarchal society full of female chauvinists was a refreshing idea. However, I don't think that the Earth will become a Utopia if the female sex takes over. Sorry, girls.

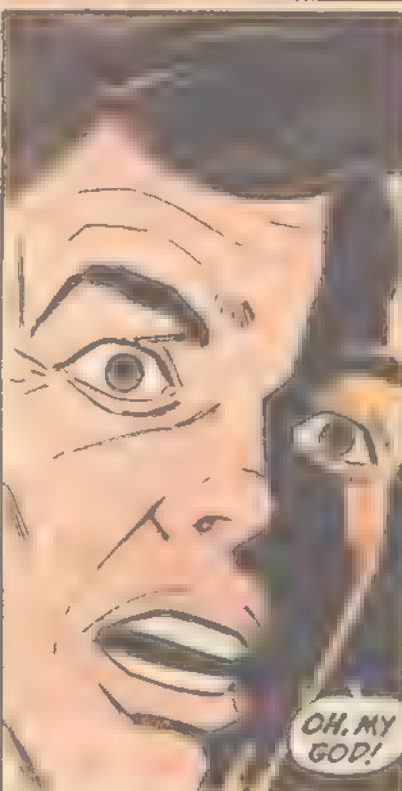
Jesus Monteagudo
Miami, Fla.

That's it for this issue. Be with us next month, and remember to send all your letters to: Super Fe-Mail, National Periodical Publications, 300 1st Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022.

NIGHT, AND A LONE AND TROUBLED MAN WALKS THE CITY STREETS, LOST IN THOUGHT... WORRYING... WISHING...

SUDDENLY, A SOUND CATCHES HIS ATTENTION AND HE TURNS WITH CURIOSITY THAT QUICKLY CHANGES TO **SHOCK**...

I'VE GOT TO GET MY COURAGE BACK! I'VE--



OH, MY GOD!

A CAR-- HURLING DOWN THAT HILL TOWARD ME!

HEADLIGHTS NOT ON--! NO DRIVER!



IT'S MOVING AT TREMENDOUS SPEED! GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE-- BEFORE I'M CRUSHED!

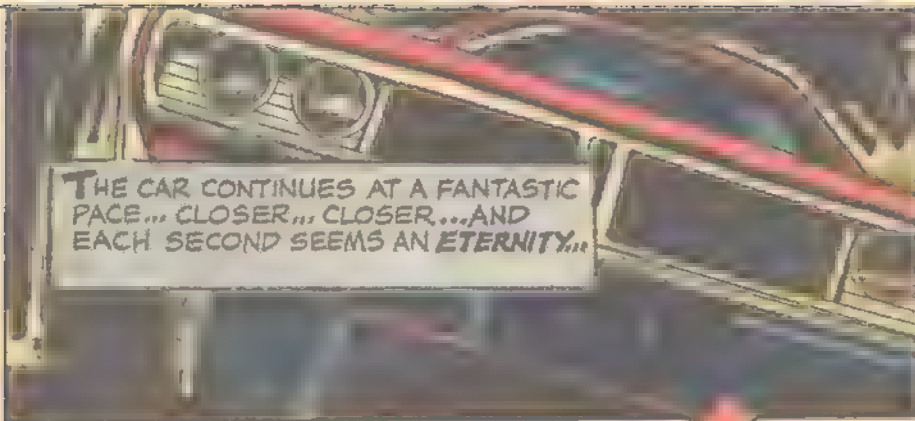
BUT I'M ROOTED TO THE SPOT-- CAN'T MOVE-- FROZEN WITH FEAR!

OH NO! A BLIND MAN-- MOVING RIGHT INTO THE PATH OF THE CAR!

GOT TO MOVE-- GOT TO SAVE HIM--AND MYSELF!

BUT I CAN'T! I JUST CAN'T..

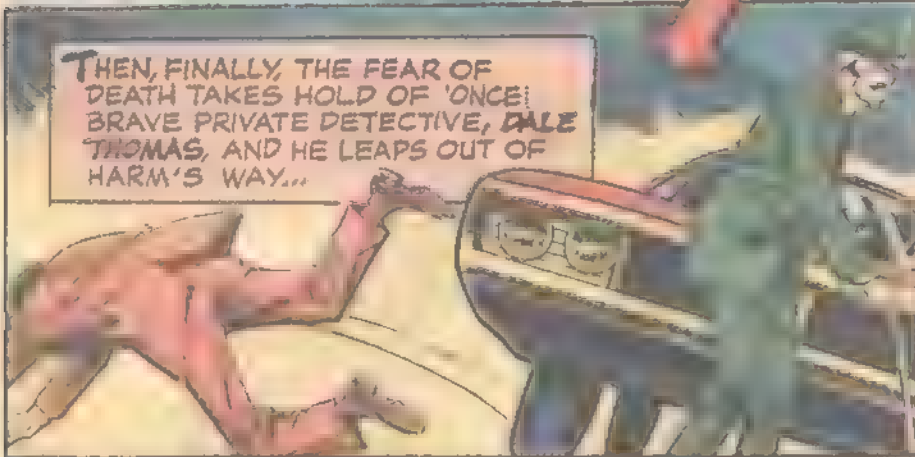




THE CAR CONTINUES AT A FANTASTIC PACE... CLOSER... CLOSER...AND EACH SECOND SEEMS AN ETERNITY...



...LEAVING HIM TO OLD MAN... LEAVING HIM TO ALL BUT CERTAIN DEATH!



THEN, FINALLY, THE FEAR OF DEATH TAKES HOLD OF 'ONCE! BRAVE PRIVATE DETECTIVE, DALE THOMAS, AND HE LEAPS OUT OF HARM'S WAY...

NOW, SLIP INTO SOMETHING SORCEROUS, AS WE PRESENT ANOTHER ADVENTURE OF...

ZATANNA the MAGICIAN



BUT IN THOSE LAST FEW REMAINING SECONDS, THERE IS STILL TIME FOR WORDS STILL TIME TO ACT...

RAC RAEPPASID!



WHEN COINCIDENCE OFTEN PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE...

GOOD THING I WAS ON MY WAY TO THE THEATRE TO POLISH UP MY MAGIC ACT--AND HAPPENED UPON THIS SCENE IN TIME TO WORK MY MAGIC! *

BUT... WHAT'S WITH THAT OTHER GUY? HE COULD HAVE SAVED THE BLIND MAN AS WELL AS HIMSELF-- IF HE HAD ACTED IN TIME!

BOOF!

"The BRAVE and the BROKEN!"

AND COINCIDENCE OFTEN PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE AS OLD ACQUAINTANCES MEET...

ZATANNA! SO-- IT WAS YOU WHO SAVED THAT POOR MAN!

AND THANK GOD YOU DID!

WHA-? IT-- IT'S DALE-- DALE THOMAS!

I... I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S COME OVER ME LATELY! I USED TO BE BRAVE... BUT NOW I GUESS I'M GETTING... OLD!

I WAS SCARED-- AFRAID I COULDN'T SAVE THE MAN-- SO I DON'T EVEN TRY!

BUT, AFTER ALL, I AM GETTING ON IN YEARS! AND I DON'T HAVE MAGICAL POWERS LIKE YOU!

HE'S ONE OF THE BEST PRIVATE DETECTIVES IN THE BUSINESS... OR HE WAS!

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HIM? DALE WOULD NEVER HAVE MADE EXCUSES FOR HIMSELF-- NOT BACK WHEN I FIRST MET HIM!

A TRUE FRIEND IS ONE WHO WISHES TO HELP YOU...EVEN WHEN YOU HAVE BECOME WEAK...AND YOUR WEAKNESS MAKES YOUR FRIEND SHUDDER ...

THIS IS DEFINITELY THE WORK OF THE CARSTAGG SYNDICATE! THEY'VE BEEN OUT TO GET ME FOR MONTHS!

I'VE HAD OTHER GANGS OUT TO GET ME IN THE PAST-- BUT THIS TIME I JUST CAN'T SEEM TO HANDLE THE SITUATION!

WISH MY MAGIC WOULD WORK ON EMOTIONS AS WELL AS PHYSICAL OBJECTS...

THEN I COULD USE MY MAGIC TO RESTORE DALE'S FAITH IN HIMSELF!

WAIT A MINUTE! MAYBE THERE IS A WAY I CAN USE MY MAGIC! I'VE--

SUDDENLY THE FEMALE WIZARD'S THOUGHTS ARE INTERRUPTED, AS..

WHA--?

HUNK?

GUNMEN-- HIDING IN THAT ALLEY! THEIR FIRST SHOT NEARLY GOT DALE!

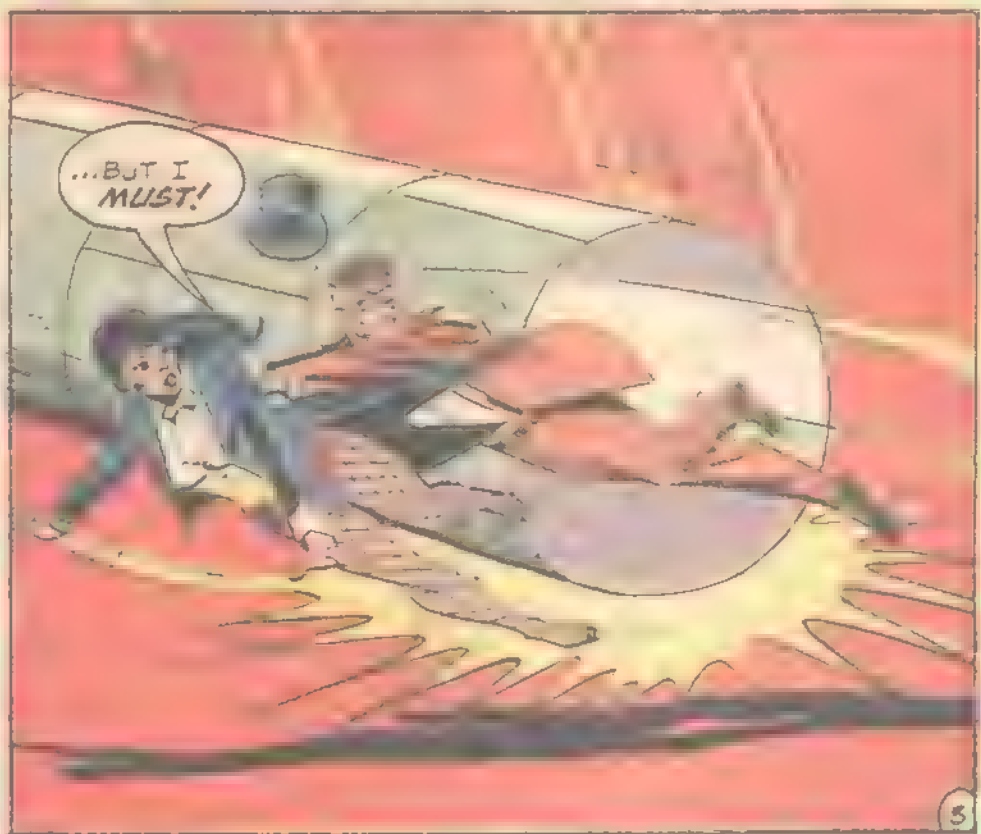
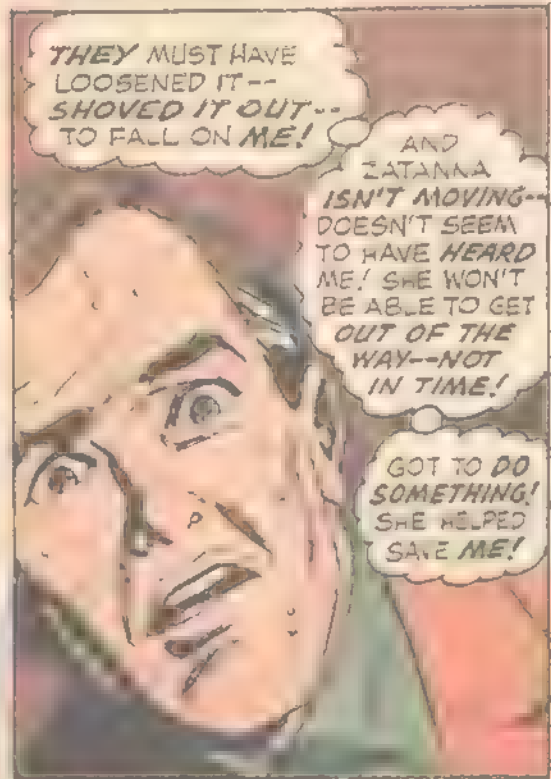
NOW HE'S COWERING-- UNABLE TO ACT!

GOT TO STOP THEM FROM GETTING HIM ON THEIR NEXT TRY!

STELLUS NRUT OT TEW SEGNOPS!



OH, THE THOUSANDS OF THOUGHTS THAT PASS THROUGH A MAN'S MIND IN THAT MICRO-SECOND BEFORE ACTION IS NEEDED..



WOW!

THANK YOU,
DALE! IT LOOKS
LIKE YOU SAVED
MY SORCERER'S
SKIN!

OH, WELL... YOU SAVED
MINE, TOO-- WITH THAT
LITTLE SPONGE TRICK
OF YOURS!

IT LOOKS
ALL CLEAR NOW!
I GUESS THEY'VE
GIVEN UP ON ME
FOR TONIGHT!

BUT JUST
TO BE ON
THE SAFE
SIDE, WOULD
YOU LIKE ME
TO SEE YOU
SOON, HERE?

CAN'T TELL FOR SURE, BUT
FROM THE WAY DALE WAS
ACTING, HE'S GOT HIS FAITH
BACK NOW! SHOULD BE
ABLE TO HANDLE THE
CARSTAGG SYNDICATE
WITH EASE!

NO--THERE'S
NO NEED FOR THAT!
THE THEATRE'S
JUST AROUND
THE CORNER!

AND HE HAS NO
NEED TO EVER
KNOW THAT I
CREATED THAT
PILLAR BY
WHISPERING
THE PROPER
WORDS!

...OR THAT
IT WASN'T AN
ORDINARY PILLAR--
BUT ONE MADE OF
SPONGE RUBBER!

THERE WAS NO
NEED TO TAKE
UNNECESSARY
CHANGES, AND I
HAD NO IDEA HOW
DEEPLY DALE'S
LACK OF FAITH IN
HIMSELF WAS
HARMED!

IT
LOOKS LIKE
EVERYTHING
TURNED OUT
PERFECTLY!

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Sgt. Rock and his men are ordered to form a "Firing Squad"—to execute three members of **Easy Company** who have been found guilty of **treason**! How can the Joes of **Easy** shoot their own men? It's a real spot **Rock** and his boys are on in the **August OUR ARMY AT WAR (#248)**! Naturally, there'll be more action than this one story—but editor Joe Kubert hasn't let me in on the other goodies yet. However, you'll find out when it goes on sale—**June 1!**

Deadman gets a new body, fashioned by **THE FOREVER PEOPLE**, in the **September** issue of their magazine! But before he can enter it, the new form is stolen by "The Scavengers!" This criminal organization is one of the most vicious in history—and its leader has a hook instead of a right hand! Can he be the man who killed **Boston (Deadman) Brand**? Surprises mount in issue **#10**, on sale **June 1!**

Once again, we come your way with a gallery of **GHOSTS**! In this issue, the unearthly tales include "Death's Finger Points," "Touch Not This Tomb"—which I am told involves **President Lyndon Johnson**, though he is not actually in the story itself—and "The Sweet Smell of Death!" This **Sep-**

tember issue (**#7**) should be enough to give you a record crop of goose pimples—and it's on sale **June 1!**

The Haunted Tank begins its "Long Journey" out of Russia in the **September** issue of **G.I. COMBAT (#155)**—and it's no cinch! The whole tank has to be taken apart, piece by piece, first! This story by **Robert Kanigher**—lloed by **Sam Glanzman**—has all the adventure, action and suspense anyone could want! There's another tale in the issue, as well—"Ashcan Alley!" It's on sale **June 8**—so get it!

Our own three witches have brewed up a cauldron of more than double toil and trouble in it for the **August** issue of **THE WITCHING HOUR (#22)**! First, there's "The Haunted Hands of Guilt"; then, "Pity me—Please Kill Me!"; and, finally, "13 Rue Morgue," which takes you to the fabulous street in which **Edgar Allan Poe** set his first detective story! I know you'd love to get your copy now, but you'll have to wait till it goes on sale—**June 6!**

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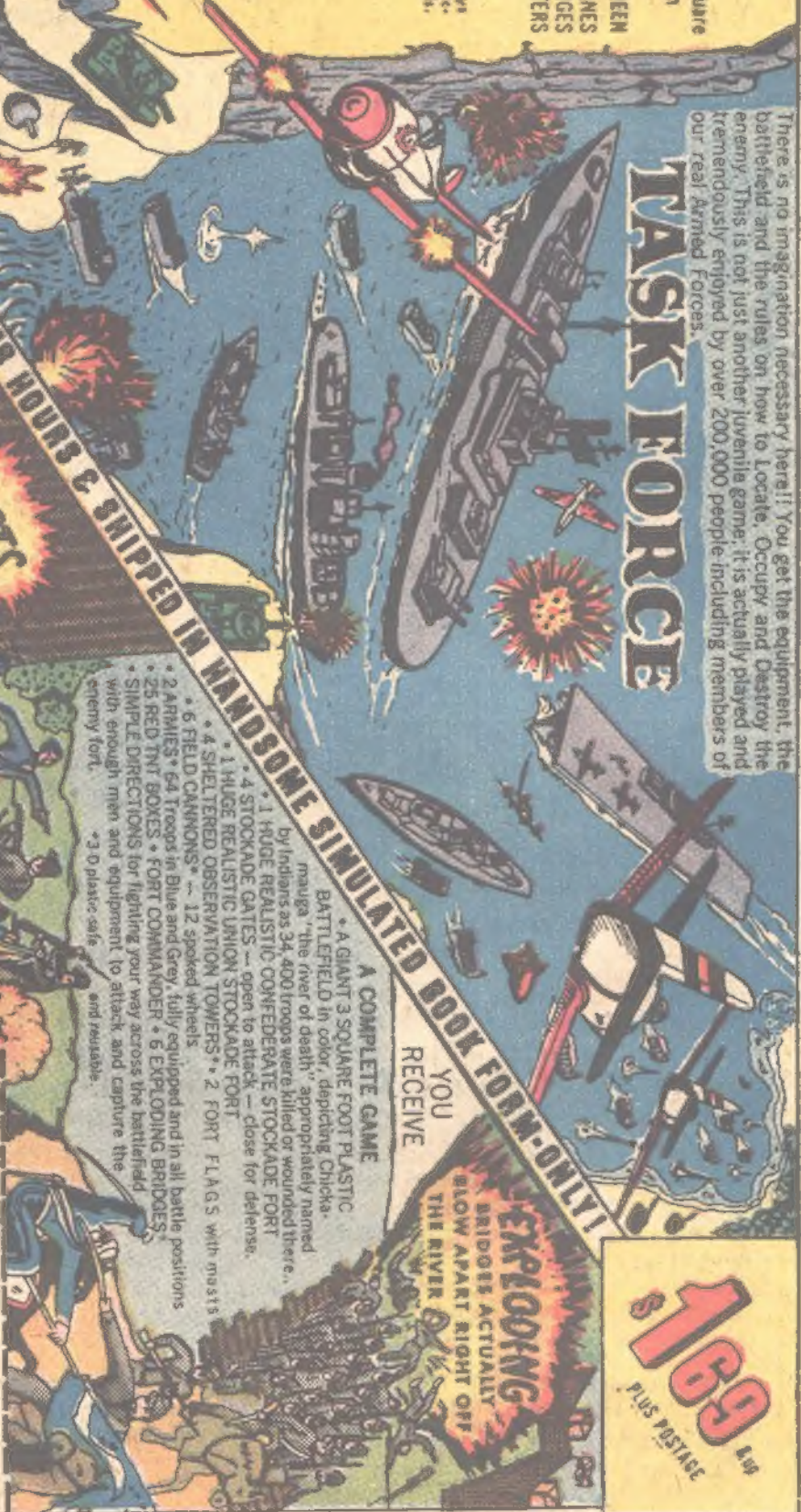
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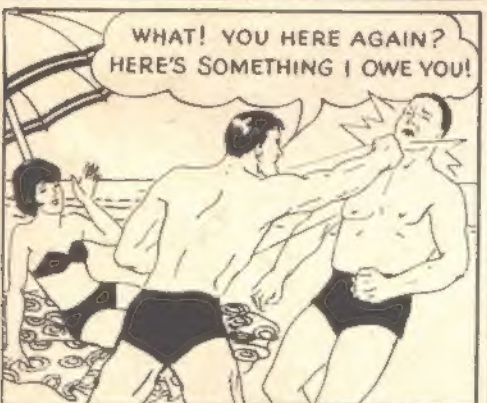
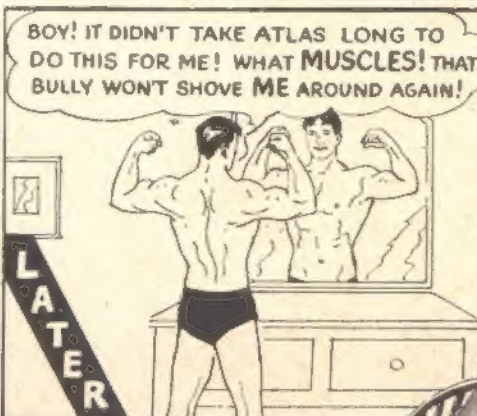
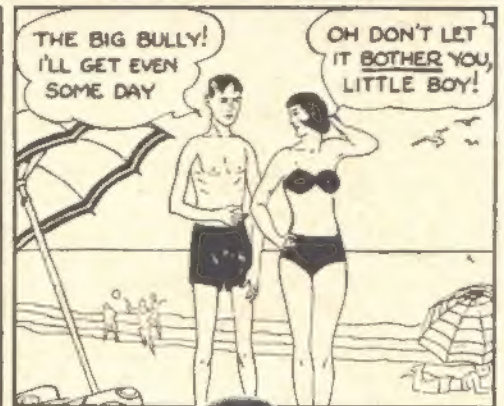
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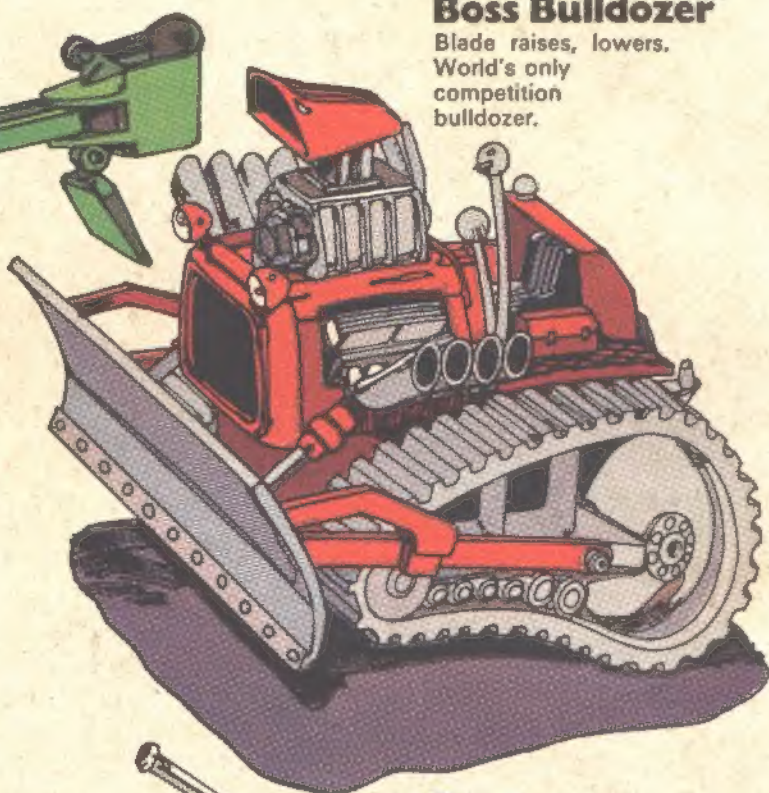
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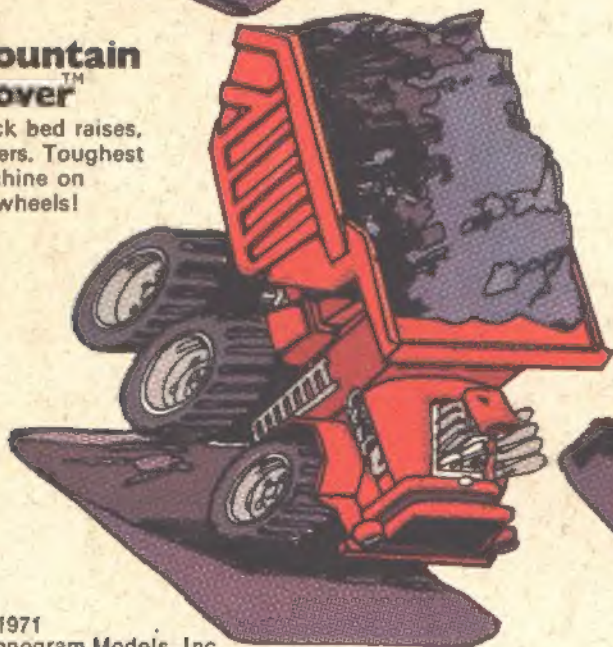
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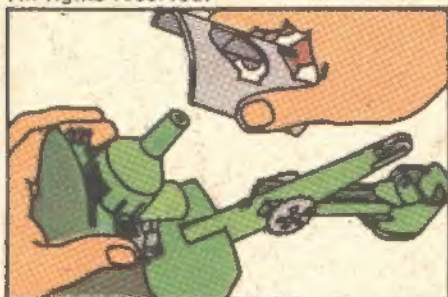


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